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Meat probes fail to make cut

► The management in charge of slaughterhouse inspections are not doing their job, says auditor general Jacques Lapointe ► Deficiencies are ranked on a scale of 1 (minor) to 3 (immediate shutdown)



► Auditor general Jacques Lapointe speaks to reporters at One Government Place after delivering his fall report yesterday.

Nova Scotia's monitoring of slaughterhouses and meat-processing plants is insufficient and could pose a risk to public health, according to a report by the province's auditor general.

Jacques Lapointe found that the Department of Agriculture has no formal policy for how often the province's 28 slaughterhouses and 14 meat-processing plants are inspected — and the informal policy of completing monthly inspections is not being followed.

"Departmental audits of slaughterhouses and meat-processing facilities are not being done with regularity or consistency, and there is little enforcement of compliance by the facilities with standards and regulations when problems are discovered," Lapointe said at a press conference yesterday.

The report found that four slaughterhouses had no audits from April 2009 to December 2010. In one facility that was audited, the same deficiency was identified in four consecutive audits over a period of two-and-a-half years.

There is also no requirement for inspectors to test for bacteria when assessing the relative sanitation of the facilities. An assessment of the

"There's no enforcement and there's no follow-up to ensure that the deficiencies are corrected. ... That's pretty ineffective."
AUDITOR GENERAL JACQUES LAPOINTE

facilities' cleanliness is left up to inspectors' eyesight and judgment.

"I found that quite surprising ... but given the overall level of inspection, I guess that isn't surprising," said Lapointe. When asked if he meant the inspection of the facilities is that lacking, Lapointe said he did.

Agriculture Minister John MacDonnell said his department will move to implement all 16 of Lapointe's recommendations by next summer.

"For us, it kind of showed some areas of weakness that we've had in our mind that we should address. But it also showed strong points, that the slaughterhouse facilities are working the way they should and the staff is well-trained for that work," said MacDonnell.

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AG abandons audit of offshore board

Nova Scotia's auditor general has abandoned an audit into the Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board (CNSOPB), saying his office was denied documents necessary to the job.

And Jacques Lapointe says the board is withholding the information at the behest of ExxonMobil Canada and EnCana Corporation

— the two companies the board is in place to regulate.

Lapointe's office began an audit into the CNSOPB in conjunction with the federal auditor general's office. The provincial office was to focus on the safety of offshore workers, while their federal counterparts would examine environmental is-

sues.

But Lapointe told reporters yesterday that the board denied him access to information which it considers privileged.

"The board wanted our assurance that any information provided to us by the operators, ExxonMobil and EnCana, that is not already public, would not be dis-

closed without the approval of the operators," said Lapointe.

Lapointe said that contravenes the provision in the Auditor General's Act that ensures he can report anything he finds to the House of Assembly, and thus the public. It also could put him in an untenable position — if he uncov-

ered evidence offshore workers were at risk, he would have to ask ExxonMobil and EnCana permission to release it.

But Stuart Pinks, CEO of the CNSOPB, said federal and provincial legislation prevents him from releasing the information requested by Lapointe.

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Acts of bravery honoured

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► Samuel Adams and Marj Kennedy, of Truro, give a television interview at Province House yesterday. Adams was one of three Nova Scotians awarded with a medal of bravery. Adams pulled Kennedy from a burning car last January.

► Nova Scotians awarded with medals ► Heroic stories shared



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On a November morning in 2009, a Canadian Armed Forces bus collided with an SUV, throwing Cpl. Winston Matheson out and leaving him badly injured.

But somehow he managed to crawl back and haul an unconscious Cpl. Steve Keddy from the burning bus.

"It gets back to my military training," said Matheson. "Once something like that happens, it just clicks in your mind, that this is what has to happen."

And yet it still took him some time to accept what Keddy knew right away — and what a Nova Scotia medal of bravery, awarded to Matheson and two others yesterday, recognized — that this was a brave man.

"I suffered a fractured spine during the incident, and believe it or not, his

first words to me were, 'I'm sorry I moved you,' " said Keddy. "He was almost apologetic for saving my life."

Wolfville's Nancy McBay and Colchester County's Samuel Adams were granted bravery medals yesterday by Premier Darrell Dexter at a ceremony at Province House.

Last August, despite recent surgery, McBay jumped into a rip tide near Kejimikujik National Park to rescue a woman who was being dragged out to sea. McBay has no swimming certification, but she was swimming since she was a child.

"Mind you, I was terrified," said the 57-year-old.

And in January, Adams, 72, leapt out of bed when he heard screams outside, and found a woman trapped in a burning overturned car.

He helped the woman escape.



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► Veteran John Labelle goes through security screening at Federal Court in Halifax yesterday. The court is hearing a class action lawsuit that alleges the federal government is illegally clawing back the long-term disability insurance benefits of injured veterans.

- Veterans taking federal government to court over benefits
- Class-action lawsuit heard in a Halifax courtroom yesterday

Veterans challenge clawbacks to disability benefit

Disability benefits for thousands of former Canadian Forces members are being unjustly clawed back because the payments have been unfairly deemed income, lawyers for the veterans argued yesterday in Federal Court.

The veterans, who have launched a class-action suit against the federal government, said their long-term disability benefits are being reduced by the amount of their disability pensions, with some of the most gravely injured not receiving any of their pension.

A dozen former military members, some using canes and one in a wheelchair, filed into the courtroom to hear arguments about what constitutes income and whether their monthly stipends should be reduced

"We say you are certainly not gaining by being paid something to accommodate your disability. To equate that with the concept of income ... is not a reasonable interpretation."

WARD BRANCH, A LAWYER FOR
ONE OF THE CLAIMANTS

under their military insurance plan.

Ward Branch, a lawyer for one of the claimants, argued the disability benefit they get from Veterans Affairs for injuries sustained in service is for pain and suffering and does not qual-

ify as income.

The hearing is looking at whether the government has the legal right to claw back the disability benefit through the military insurance plan and if it is miscalculating the benefit.

Dennis Manuge, who was injured in an accident at Canadian Forces Base Petawawa, Ont., just before being deployed to Bosnia in 2001, launched the lawsuit in 2007. It was certified by the Federal Court the following year.

Manuge said outside court that his monthly Veterans Affairs pension was reduced by \$10,000 in clawbacks between 2003, when he was released from the Forces, and 2005.

"It is a pain-and-suffering payment for the non-economic losses associated with acquiring a physical or

Legal?

The hearing is looking at whether the government has the legal right to claw back the disability benefit through the military insurance plan and if it is miscalculating the benefit.

- Under the military insurance plan, injured veterans are entitled to a percentage of their former salaries. But the plan treats monthly pension payments as income and deducts the pension amount from what is paid to them.
- Some veterans claim they are losing upwards of \$3,500 a month in clawbacks.

mental injury," he said. "It is simply not income."

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Catastrophe training 'important': Leader

- Halifax is fourth stop for national RCMP and chemical handling team
- Each level of emergency services covers own costs for training



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► Members of a Chemical Biological Radiological Nuclear and Explosive (CBRNE) response team undergo a decontamination training exercise at the Canadian Forces Ammunition Base yesterday.



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Practice makes perfect—and especially when it comes to handling the fallout of a chemical attack.

Yesterday was the final day of a counter-terrorism training exercise that was jointly operated by the RCMP, Canadian Forces, Halifax Regional Police and Halifax Regional Fire Services. Together, the groups ran through a training scenario near Magazine Hill where a chemical agent was

shipped to Halifax to use for bombmaking and opened by dockworkers on the waterfront.

"There's a lot of perishable skill sets involved," said Scott Sheppard, the officer in charge of the national chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive (CBRNE) response team.

Shepard said regional training visits like this one are important.

"They are the first boots on the ground ... the success of these types of operations based on the personalities involved.

"If we don't maintain a certain battle rhythm, or a certain tempo of training, those skill sets start to decline."

CBRNE OFFICER SCOTT SHEPPARD

People aren't meeting each other for the first time at a major catastrophe like that, those relationships are already pre-existing and stable."

And while these annual training sessions are only mock scenarios — Shep-

pard says CBRNE training like this has stepped up since the Sept. 11 attacks — those involved in the session take it very seriously.

"Once you get in that environment, it doesn't really feel like a training exercise," said RCMP Const. Shawn Godin, whose scenario found him inside a thick, heavy bomb suit and entering a school to render a bomb safe.

"You're still working up a sweat, and you're still nervous and stressed about it. Everybody wants to do their job."

Province not disaster ready, auditor says

Critical provincial government information is not sufficiently protected in the event of a disaster like a fire or a major cyber attack, according to auditor general Jacques Lapointe.

Lapointe said the Chief Information Office is not prepared to recover the province's nonfinancial information, for example the registry of motor vehicles, in the event of disaster.

"If that data centre burned down tomorrow or was otherwise put out of business ... all (nonfinancial) computer-based of government would come to an immediate stop," said Lapointe. "Social assistance payments, registering deeds if you buy a property, all of those things would stop immediately and they ... would have no easy way to re-start."

If the prospect of the provincial data centre burning down seems like a what-if scenario, Lapointe notes

that the room above the servers is stacked floor to ceiling with boxes of paper documents.

The CIO is currently six months behind on creating a comprehensive disaster recovery plan, according to Lapointe.

Lapointe's office found that the Department of Finance's Corporate Information Systems division, which stores information like government accounting, payroll and budgeting, has a comparatively good disaster recovery policy. CIS has a backup site that can be used in the event of a disruption at the primary data centre, as well as offsite backup storage. ●METRO

Full report online

► The full report from the office of the auditor general is available at oag-nb.ca — assuming the server room doesn't burn down

PORTERS LAKE

Boy, 16, held and assaulted, police say

Police say a 16-year-old boy was abducted from the Porters Lake area on Monday and detained for two days.

The boy was taken to a property in East

Chezzetecook and allegedly assaulted.

He was treated for non-life threatening injuries at Twin Oaks Hospital in Musquodoboit Harbour.

Police say the boy went to another residence in East Chezzetecook yesterday and contacted police just before 9 a.m., said RCMP spokesman Const. Scott McRae.

Police believe this is not a random incident.

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Bowater workers accept concessions to save mill

Unionized workers at Bowater Mersey in Nova Scotia have narrowly accepted contract concessions that include cutting 80 full-time and 30 casual positions in a bid to save the troubled paper mill.

Kevin Evans, a union trustee at the mill in Brooklyn, said workers voted 51.7 per cent in

favour of accepting the concessions during a secret ballot Wednesday night.

He didn't know the exact number of voters but said it was "a very high percentage" of the workforce.

"We had well over 90 per cent turnout, so it is a true representation," Evans said.

The mill employs about 300 people and the province estimates that up to 2,000 others in the area would be affected if it closes.

Premier Darrell Dexter has said that mill owner Resolute Forest Products Inc. was open to reconsidering a plan to close the operation if it could get

concessions from its workers.

He said the mill also needs to cut production costs from suppliers, as well as reduce power rates.

Local president Courtney Wentzell said earlier this week that he feared the mill will still close even with concessions.

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More than a massage

A Bedford man has been charged with sexual assault after an incident at his private home massage business. According to a complaint filed on Sept. 7, a woman was receiving a massage on Sept. 6 when she opened her eyes and allegedly found Adnan Al-Rassi, 41, masturbating. Officers arrested Al-Rassi on Nov. 8. ●METRO

Art gallery to get reno

The Art Gallery of Nova Scotia is getting a \$2.25 million facelift. MLA Leonard Preyra made the announcement on behalf of Communities, Culture and Heritage Minister David Wilson. The building predates Confederation and has been home to the gallery since 1988. The upgrades are part of a plan to preserve the building. ●HEATHER GILLIS

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► Mayor Peter Kelly offers muffins to residents of the Berkeley retirement home yesterday.



Seniors hoping for a visit from Santa

► Some seniors find it hard to keep up with rising costs

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Slippers for David and socks for Michael were among the requests written on Christmas ornaments that hung on a tree at The Berkeley senior's residence in Halifax yesterday.

"This time of year it's just even harder because (some seniors) know everyone else is with their family and they're alone," said Jeanie Burke, President of Home Instead Senior Care.

Burke runs the Be a Santa to a Senior program — now in its seventh year — which launched yesterday.

The program is meant for seniors that do not have

a lot of resources and brings visitors for seniors who are unlikely to have company over the holidays.

The paper ornaments are on Christmas trees in The Berkeley residences in HRM, as well as in Wal-Mart stores on Mumford Road, in Bayers Lake, Dartmouth and Bedford. Shoppers can pick out an ornament at the stores before Dec. 14, buy the requested item and leave it at the store to be wrapped and distributed.

Organizers will have a gift wrapping party on Dec. 14 to prepare the donated gifts.

"It's nice to know that

Giving to seniors

Throughout North America, the program has attracted upwards of 65,000 volunteers in the past seven years, distributing 1.5 million gifts to more than 750,000 deserving seniors.

Christmas morning, you can think that somebody's opening something and I know they're going to like it," said Berkeley resident Millie Maclellan, 88, who buys gifts for other seniors.

Last year the program gave more than 1,000 gifts to local seniors.

N.S. high schools given report cards

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Usually it's the students who get the report cards. But the Atlantic Institute for Market Studies released report cards for Nova Scotia's high schools yesterday.

The schools were graded on how well students perform in public exams, attendance rates, post-secondary enrolment and pupil-to-teacher ratios.

"We look at two main objectives — the first is to keep students engaged in the learning process," said Jamie Newman, policy analyst for AIMS. "The second is what we call achievement — the actual competencies they're gaining in the classes in high school."

Newman says students and parents can use this information to demand bet-

ter of schools that are doing poorly in certain areas.

AIMS compiled data from the department of education and the school boards for the school years between 2006 and 2009 to rank and grade the schools.

Auburn Drive High School in Cole Harbour came out ranking fourth out of 54 schools in Nova Scotia with a mark of B+. Charles P. Allen High School, Halifax West High School, and Dartmouth High School followed close behind taking eighth, ninth and tenth spots respectively.

Cole Harbour District High School and Duncan Macmillan High School were at the bottom of the barrel with C grades.

There was not enough information to rank Citadel High School.

Grades

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- 8. Charles P. Allen High School: B+
- 9. Halifax West High School: B
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Taser. Phones

► Toronto's major crime unit, Canada's Border Services Agency and the Toronto Police Service's guns and gangs unit display seized stun guns that look like cellphones in Toronto yesterday.



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Law enforcement happens upon incognito arms

Toronto police have uncovered a cache of weapons worthy of a spy novel. Yesterday officers showed off dozens of stun guns — which look like thick cellphones with tiny prongs at one end — that were seized by police in a raid last week, along with boxes of fake lipsticks and lighters that spray tear gas. The weapons stash also included a TEC-9 submachine gun, a Cobra nine-millimetre handgun, several butterfly knives and brass knuckles.

Vigilante crime fighters hang up their capes

► Pedophile-busting superheroes scolded by Mounties after videos go viral



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METRO CANADA IN VANCOUVER

Four men have promised to put aside their brief stint as crime fighters after videos of their costumed adventures caught the eye of RCMP.

The vigilante justice came in the form of To Troll a Predator, a series of YouTube videos where the men — three teenagers and a 20-year-old — pose as a 15-year-old girl on dating sites and agree to meet up with older men in a public location.

When the contact ar-

rives, the men — armed with a camera — spring into action dressed as Batman and the Flash, accuse them of being pedophiles and publicly shame them.

As amusing as the viral videos may be, RCMP were less than thrilled.

"This activity is not something the RCMP would

condone or recommend," spokesperson Cpl. Tammy Hollingsworth said in a written statement. "Unfortunately, these youths and men didn't consider the potential consequences of their actions, or the impact to their personal safety or the safety of other youths and the community."

New RCMP chief to tackle harassment

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Incoming RCMP commissioner Bob Paulson steps into his new job with a daunting task — get to the bottom of harassment within the national police force.

Public Safety Minister Vic Toews introduced the veteran Mountie to media yesterday and immediately announced that the Commission for Public Complaints Against the RCMP will investigate the issue that has dogged the force for years.

The new commissioner endorsed the move wholeheartedly and said stamping out harassment will

"This does not represent the force that I joined and this condition cannot stand."

BOB PAULSON, INCOMING RCMP COMMISSIONER

be the first item on his plate. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

NEW BRUNSWICK

Sex toys, underwear stolen

RCMP in New Brunswick say more people are coming forward complaining that sex toys and women's underwear were stolen from their homes.

Last Thursday, police

reported there had been seven break-ins in the Saint-Paul and Sainte-Marie areas where women's undergarments and sex toys were taken.

They now say four more people have come forward with similar complaints since then.

The thefts, all committed while the homes were empty, began in July. In one case, officers say lingerie was taken from a clothesline.

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Arrivederci: Italy's politicians shut out

► New PM creates a crisis team of bankers, diplomats and business experts ► Monti, Berlusconi shake on it

Prime Minister Mario Monti yesterday formed a new Italian government — with an Italian twist.

His cabinet has not a single politician.

Monti has created a team of bankers, diplomats and business executives to steer Italy away from financial disaster.

"I hope that, governing well, we can make a contribution to the calming and cohesion of the political forces," Monti said.

The 68-year-old former European Union commissioner said he'll serve as Italy's economy minister as well as its prime minister as he seeks "sacrifices" from across the political

Bonds bombing

► Hopes for the new administration won Italy some respite in financial markets yesterday, but the relief didn't last long.

► By afternoon, the yield or interest rate on 10-year Italian bonds was back dangerously near 7 per cent — the threshold that eventually forced Greece, Ireland and Portugal to seek bailouts.

spectrum to solve the Italian economy's woes.

Monti and his new cabinet ministers were sworn in at the presidential palace. The ceremony formally ended Silvio Berlusconi's

three-year-old government and the media mogul's 17-year-long political dominance.

Berlusconi and Monti shook hands in an unofficial handover of power.

Why does Monti's cabinet have no one from the ranks of Italy's fractious political parties?

Monti said he decided after talks with party leaders "that the non-presence of politicians in the government would help it."

Analysts gave Monti's selections top marks. "I think the quality of the people is very high," said Roberto D'Alimonte, a political science professor at Rome's LUISS University.

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► Ready for action: Italy's new PM, Mario Monti, pictured in Rome yesterday, will implement "sacrifices" to balance the country's budget.

Greek vote paves way for giant crackdown

Greece's new coalition government easily won a confidence vote in parliament yesterday.

It enables Prime Minister Lucas Papademos to speed up long-term reforms and secure a massive new bailout deal involving banks and rescue creditors.

Greece is at the heart of a vicious debt crisis that has brought it to the brink of bankruptcy.

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Papademos must oversee a raft of austerity measures, including the suspension of about 30,000 civil servants on partial pay.

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Occupying a generation

► Expert calls movement that brought together unionists, students and other groups unprecedented in recent memory ► Everyone wondering how long it can survive after protesters hauled away from worldwide sites

The Occupy protest is the most important democratic social movement of the last two generations and demonstrators who have taken over parks and other public spaces should be left alone, an expert in social movements says.

As civic authorities across Canada and the U.S. move to end the various occupations, Vincent Mosco, professor emeritus of sociology at Queen's University, says the "extraordinary" movement had created a rarely seen coalition.

"It's everywhere — not just in large cities, but in small towns," Mosco said.

Back in the 1970s, he said, construction workers beat up anti-war students

in the streets of New York City. Now, the workers go with their own protest signs and join the Occupy Wall Street demonstration in the city's Zuccotti Park.

Earlier this week, authorities cleared the Manhattan plaza, a scene that's been playing out around the world over the past few days.

But Mosco believes the movement would survive because of its significance, even if protesters end up evicted from their last remaining strongholds.

No matter what happens, Mosco said they have already made people pay attention to issues of wealth distribution and democracy.

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Occupy Calgary

The city's bylaw boss says an early-morning tent fire in Olympic Plaza that sent two Occupy Calgary demonstrators to hospital "validates what we've been saying all along."

"There's a safety issue here and it's of grave concern to us, especially with the weather forecast," said Bill Bruce, the director of Animal and Bylaw Services.

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Occupy Vancouver

The City of Vancouver has changed its tactics and now wants a court injunction to get rid of the Occupy camp on the grounds protesters are trespassing.

Last week, a judge delayed her decision on an injunction but ordered the protesters to comply with fire-safety demands.

The city had been contending there are imminent safety concerns.

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GETTY IMAGES

Occupy London

London officials attached eviction notices to protest tents outside St. Paul's Cathedral yesterday. They are asking demonstrators to remove the camp by Thursday evening or face legal action.

Cathedral and city officials had offered the protesters a deal to allow them to stay until the new year if they then agreed to leave. But the corporation said Tuesday that talks had failed.

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Occupy Seattle

An 84-year-old woman in Seattle has quickly become a face of the national Occupy Wall Street movement after she was hit with pepper spray during a march after police told the group they had to move.

"They picked up their bicycles and started shoving them at us and confining us in a very small place and they started to pepper spray," she said.

Six people were arrested, but not the woman.

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Vegas protesters keep peace despite hard times

There are no police in riot gear here, no bulldozers levelling protest encampments.

In a city that celebrates behaving badly, Occupy Las Vegas protesters are touting civil obedience and government co-operation as anti-Wall Street efforts elsewhere have turned to violence and police confrontations.

Las Vegas demonstrators have sought approval from government leaders and police before protesting or setting up a camp site. They called off a protest during President Barack Obama's visit to Las Vegas last month because police asked them to do so. And they have created a system of protest rules that ban, among other things, lawbreaking and hate signs.

The good behaviour in Las Vegas and other Occupy efforts across Nevada is even more noteworthy because Nevadans may have the most cause to rage against the machine. The state tops the



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► Earla Penn came from LaPush, Wash., to join the Occupy Las Vegas protesters at their camp site, Tuesday.

U.S. in foreclosures, and unemployment and entire neighbourhoods have been overtaken by vacant homes and storefronts.

But while protesters in other cities such as Oakland, Calif. and Portland, Ore. riot and rage, the Vegas group is hosting a series of free foreclosure mediation workshops for homeowners who are underwater on their mortgages.

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Unknown future

- It's unclear whether the peace pushers will be able to tame the more aggressive voices within the Occupy movement in Las Vegas.
- A local militant group tried last week to convince the protesters in the city to arm themselves.
- Others have simply urged organizers to take a more forceful stand and stop being so darn nice.

Productivity gap carries heavy cost

► Companies' failure to invest in new machinery, technology hits Canadians in the wallet: Study

Canadians would have about \$7,500 more a year in disposable income if companies had been able to keep up with their U.S. rivals in productivity over the past decade, the Conference Board of Canada reports.

Based on the premise that Canada's productivity has lagged the U.S. by 0.8 percentage points a year from 1998 to 2008, the Conference Board study suggests:

- Real per capita gross domestic product had fallen \$8,500 further back in 2008 than where it would have been had the gap not existed.

- As well, corporate profits would have risen

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by about 40 per cent and government revenues by 31 per cent.

But the most revealing finding is that Canadians

would on average be much wealthier, allowing them to spend more and boost the economic performance of the country.

Economist Mario Lefebvre, who wrote the report, said he tried to personalize what is at stake because he finds few people understand how productivity — which measures output in terms of hours worked — affects them.

The report puts the blame for the gap on the corporate sector, noting Canadian firms have not kept up with their U.S. counterparts in adopting the latest technologies that boost the ability of their workers to produce more. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Never. Say die



► TransCanada Corp. is still dedicated to moving the Keystone XL pipeline forward despite a recent delay, its chief executive says. Russ Girling says TransCanada is confident U.S. regulators will approve the Alberta-to-Texas line once a new route is worked out to avoid ecologically sensitive parts of Nebraska.

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Keystone delayed not dead, CEO says

Facebook fends off latest spam attack

Facebook has stopped most of the spam that has flooded many users' pages with pictures showing graphic sex and violence, the company

said yesterday.

The latest attack tricked users into pasting malicious links into the address bars in their Web browsers. This exploited

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TRUE TEST OF COUNTERFEIT BILLS IS IN THE SCENT

HE SAYS ...

JOHN MAZEROLLE
METRO



Let's begin.

It's important to note that, according to the RCMP, the number of seized counterfeit bills in Canada has dropped dramatically in the last decade. This can only mean one thing: *Counterfeiters are fooling us more than ever.*

When the number of bogus bills seized annually drops to zero, we'll know the criminals have finally won.

But you can help fight counterfeiting by paying special attention to the new bills — look at them, flip them, feel them, talk to them, come to know them.

The bills are a mix of old and new: For instance, the image of Robert Borden on the \$100 is now looking right at you. But, in a nod to the old design, you'll still have no idea who Robert Borden was or what he did.

Above all, the bills have been designed with security in mind. And whether a brand-new design or an old bill,

there are important warning signs that the cash you're carrying may be bogus.

Be aware:

- On Canadian currency, Canada is rarely spelled with a K.

- Canadian bills include braille. If the bill is counterfeit, braille reads, "This bill is fake. Shhh ..."

- Be wary if small print says, "We swear this bill is legal tender, honest."

- There has never been a bill with Geddy Lee's image, there is no such coin as the "threenee," and the \$57.50 bill is no longer in circulation.

- Only younger

depictions of the Queen show her with a nose ring; on counterfeit bills, her pearls are also fake.

- The King of Kensington was never actually part of the British monarchy.

Still not sure? The new bills also allow new ways to check their legitimacy beyond simple visuals:

- Chewing on a new bill for one hour will trigger the taste of wild pomegranates.

- A new \$100 will burn at 233 C. Results vary, so burn at least 10 of them, then calculate the mean temperature.

- The new notes are magic-eye puzzles. If you let your eyes go out of focus, you will see, depending on the denomination, John A. Macdonald with his head resting on a toilet bowl or Pierre Elliot Trudeau giving you the finger.

If you follow these tips and still can't decide if your bill is real, please mail it to me and I will ascertain its value in the most respected and time-honoured method available. I will spend it. You can't be too careful.

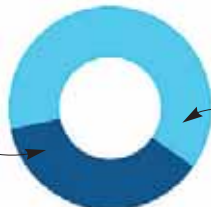
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Local tweets



► @Alicia_IBU:

Passed a group of people getting high in a car in the SMU parking lot at 940am.

► @sarahnicholson: How to get dirty looks at Dal: wear your StFX sweater.

► @overdrive882: ok are people seriously trying to occupy the median at #dalhousie? This s-t is getting old fast

► @Lori_CanPost: The number of cranky drivers on route to work this morning #Halifax did not get me down - thank you yummy

coffee and good tunes.)

► @LShort21: Why are there tents set up at Dal? If you want to #occupy Dal go enroll, try to get a degree and that might help get a job #notjustsitting

► @DenoteChris: Oh wow! You know what I haven't seen in the past 5 minutes? That Lion King comic about Dartmouth! How am I still alive?

► @michellemccann: hello, people of dartmouth ... i am among you.

► @prepit: Beauty of a day.Walked down on the Bedford Waterfront.Water is like glass.

Letters

BILL C-10.

We do not need more hardened criminals and an outrageously expensive prison system that gives us nothing back. ERIN ELLIS, OTTAWA

We know that this approach will fail at achieving its stated goals — Texas gives a clear example of this. The Canadian Bar Association has taken a clear stance against it, stating that it may actually worsen the problems it is purported to fix. High costs — both monetary and social. It targets those in our country who are already most vulnerable, the poor, mentally ill and addicted.

MATT TAVES, VANCOUVER

It just doesn't make sense to jail an 18-year-old drug dealer and then release them in five or 10 years and imagine that s/he will suddenly be a law-abiding citizen. How can they when they haven't learned how? But if those years are used to teach that person how to live without drugs, to treat their depression, how to get a job, then the chances seem much better that that person can survive without turning to crime, and not re-offend.

DR LAURA CLARK, MD, TORONTO



photo of the day

► This photo titled Ferris Wheel was submitted to the Pleasure category by Artur Andronic from the U.S.



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WEIRD NEWS

Maybe she thinks she has a 50/50 chance

Lindsey Ann Miller, the pretty 26-year-old UCLA student suffering with a rare form of pancreatic cancer was so moved by the performance of Joseph Gordon-Levitt in the film 50/50 that she's made a very public YouTube plea for a coffee date with the Hollywood actor.

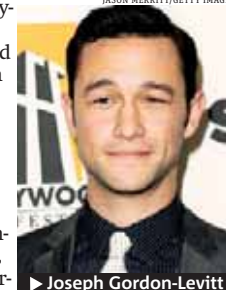
Gordon-Levitt, 30, best known for his role in the TV sitcom 3rd Rock From the Sun, was praised for his

unique portrayal of a young man diagnosed with cancer in this fall's hit 50/50.

Miller was diagnosed a year ago with neuro-endocrine pancreatic cancer, underwent surgery in December to remove tumours from her liver and continues to endure nauseating bouts of chemotherapy treatments.

Miller acknowledges the video is a long shot. But why not? She figures, "Life is short." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

JASON MERRITT/GETTY IMAGES



► Joseph Gordon-Levitt

Overcoming troubles

► Matt Anderson on where his story of the Blues comes from ► Catch him Saturday

BACKSTAGE PASS

JENNA CONTER
METRO HALIFAX



A great blues song is all about the stories. Stereotypically, these stories chronicle great hardships and suffering and are expressed in a way that relates to people on all levels. But according to singer-songwriter Matt Anderson, there is more to a great blues song than sorrow and regret.

"I find blues to be more about overcoming your hardships and celebrating that accomplishment," Anderson told me in a recent phone interview. "I find the stories how they made it through. So it's easy to make a happy blues song."

Hailing from Perth-Andover, N.B., I'd say Ander-



► Matt Anderson became the first Canadian to win Memphis' famed International Blues Challenge.

Another show

Matt Anderson will play to a sold out show at The Spatz Theatre Friday, Nov. 18.

► Another show has been added Saturday, Nov. 19. Doors at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$30 in advance, \$35 at the door. Consult exitnow.com for more information.

son is well versed on what it's like to overcome hardship and celebrate on the other side.

Coming from a musical family, Anderson learned how to channel that energy into music. Though he was raised mainly on classic southern rock, he has a distinct bond with the blues.

"I have a song called So Gone Now that's a pretty

"I guess for me the core story in my songs comes from being out and on the road so much and all the stuff you have to sacrifice to be out there... I would say I play the blues but I wouldn't walk up to B.B. King and tell him I play the blues." MATT ANDERSON

standard, remorseful break up song and people have come up to me to tell me it got them through

some tough times," Anderson said.

Further to the point, in 2010 Anderson became

the first Canadian to win Memphis' famed International Blues Challenge, solidifying his place in the blues world. This accolade led to festival dates throughout Europe and a U.S. tour with the Old Crow Medicine Show.

"It's just telling a story. I think that's the trick of putting together a really good blues song. Be honest."

2 scene

Top Chef Canada



Model-turned-actress Lisa Ray is the new host of Top Chef Canada. The Water star is taking over hosting duties from Thea Andrews, who recently gave birth to her second child.
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Two (dance) steps ahead

► New video game allows players to dance alongside the Black Eyed Peas

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The Black Eyed Peas are getting animated and following in Michael Jackson's moon walking, hip-shaking steps with the release of their own video game, *Black Eyed Peas: The Experience*.

Unlike its predecessor, *Michael Jackson: The Experience*, the Black Eyed Peas game, currently for Nintendo Wii and Xbox 360, actually sees gamers battling and dancing alongside the group instead of playing them.

Black Eyed Peas: *The Experience* is even catching the attention of Kenny Wormald, the star of the hit film *Footloose*, who was at a recent launch for the game. The 27-year-old has been performing on stage for 20 years and admits that even a pro like him learned a few new tricks from *Black Eyed Peas: The Experience*.

"It's more than just a game, but a choreographed



► Film star and pro dancer Kenny Wormald, bottom right, says much can be learned from *Black Eyed Peas: The Experience*.

dance-off against one of the world's best groups," he says. "(Even) as a professional dancer it's really good because it makes you very meticulous and can teach you."

On average, it takes between 18 months to two years from inception to completion of a dance video game of this kind. For game developer Ubisoft, the uniqueness of the game

comes from incorporating the band's style, brand and creativity into every detail.

"Everything had to be approved by the Black Eyed Peas. The songs that we chose, how the dancers are dancing, what type of clothing they are wearing," says Jeyson Acevedo, public relations manager at Ubisoft Canada.

As a result, everything from the Black Eyed Peas' fu-

turistic outfits to will.i.am's famous asymmetrical coif appears.

To transform the Black Eyed Peas into digital avatars popping and locking on screen, Ubisoft spent days scanning the group members' bodies. Wearing outfits fitted with sensors, the group had every move and expression recorded and translated into the dance-motion game.

The Good, The Bad & The Ugly

The Black Eyed Peas aren't the first celebrities to make an appearance as themselves in a video game.

For better or worse, stars have been leaping to the small screen to play digital versions of themselves for decades. Here are some of the gaming world's most memorable.



Michael Jackson: The Experience (2011)

The first video game in the Experience franchise has the King of Pop (as an avatar) help players learn and perform some of his famous moves to hits like *Billie Jean* and *The Girl is Mine*.

Shaquille O'Neal: Shaq Fu (1994)

The now-retired basketball player traded in his sneakers for swords in this kung-fu video game. In the poorly-reviewed game, Shaq fights off evil-doers after falling into a parallel universe.



The Beatles: Rock Band (2009)

One of several famous Rock Band games released in recent years, players perform as one of their favourite members of the group. Paul McCartney and Ringo Starr make appearances in the game as players try to master classic hits and climb the charts. ● TAKARA SMALL

"Technology is letting us do more than just loan fans a song," says Acevedo. "It lets them actually dance alongside The Black Eyed

Peas."

Black Eyed Peas: The Experience is in stores now and will be available for PlayStation in December.

Bringing 'innocence' back

► Twilight mom adds human dimension to supernatural love tale

For hardcore *Twilight* fans, the long-awaited wedding of Bella Swan to her vampire love Edward Cullen is the culmination of years of their own devotion to the blockbuster love story.

For *Twilight* actress Sarah Clarke, who plays Bella's little-seen mother Renée, it was a chance to celebrate the penultimate chapter of the movie series by finally meeting the rest of the sprawling superstar cast in a massive wedding scene.

"It was really fun to get to have scenes with other characters and to feel like, 'Oh yeah, these are all the ones that we've been reading about,'" Clarke chuckles during a recent interview in Toronto in advance of a red carpet premiere Thursday.

For much of the franchise, Clarke's character

Part 1 and 2

► Stephenie Meyer's novel *Breaking Dawn* was split into two films. Part 1 delves into Bella and Edward's evolving relationship in more detail and offers a glimpse into the interior life of certain characters, says actress Sarah Clarke. *Breaking Dawn - Part 2* is slated for release in November 2012.

has been relegated to the background while the teenaged Bella wrestled with competing feelings for her undead suitor Edward, and best friend-turned werewolf, Jacob.

The 39-year-old Clarke says the mother-daughter scenes in *The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 1* add a bit more dimension to the romantic fantasy.

"It is nice to mix it up in the movie, to be able to see the human side of the story and then the supernatural side of the story," says Clarke, also known for playing Nina Myers on 24.

"We have a few scenes where we basically just discuss the idea of marriage and what that means and I am sort of sending her off into her life with Edward."

The fourth instalment in the passionate teen romance — which catapulted stars Kristen Stewart, Robert Pattinson and Taylor Lautner to fame when it began in 2008 — continues Friday with Edward and Bella marrying and conceiving a child.

Their long-awaited union follows a protracted and sexually charged courtship that pervaded the *Twilight* saga book series that inspired the films

and helped vault Stephenie Meyer's young adult novels to the top of tween book lists.

Clarke admits to having some qualms about the erotic but largely chaste tale, but admits she understands its massive appeal and would have been obsessed with the books herself as a teenager.

"It's brought an innocence in some ways back to love in that there's a reason why you can't consummate it and you can't be together right away," says Clarke, the mother of daughters aged five and one.

"But I don't know, there are a lot of things about the relationship that I don't find ideal."

"As a mother I would want to talk through a lot of things."

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► Sarah Clarke plays Bella's mother Renée in the *Twilight* movies.

Pet Project

► Two girls' puppy love spawned the cutest global phenomenon
► Metro talks to one of the girls behind the web's fluffiest site

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"I thought it'd be a great way to meet guys," says Audrey Khuner, one half of the duo behind the website hotguysandbabyanimals.com.

The site, predominantly aimed at women, gay men and swooning college girls, was conceived when a joke between Audrey and her co-founder Carolyn Newman was turned into a business reality.

"We've always been into animals and a bit boy crazy."

"And there's always been beefcake and baby animal calendars, so we thought why not combine the two?" muses Khuner in an interview.

The result: You can't take your eyes off those dewy-eyed cuties.

Yep, I'm talking about both the guys and the critters.

But behind the eye candy calendars, greeting cards and a host of other merchandise, there is a relatively viable entrepreneurial business (although

Khuner admits that she has other jobs).

"The shoots are so much fun. I posted a picture of me next to this really well cut guy holding a puppy on the site — and my friends hate me for it but it's just another day on the job — and I love it," she gushes.

That said, since the site's inception in 2009, the Berkeley, Calif.-based duo have donated between five and 10 per cent of their profits to animal charities such as the SPCA in San Francisco. And much to the joy of Khuner's photographer father Eliot, they are now able to pay him after two years where he was working for free.

They also have the backer of a publisher, a global appeal with orders arriving from Brazil to the Netherlands and talk of iPhone skins, desktop wallpapers and maybe even an app.

But sadly guys, there are no plans for a hot women and cute animals calendar — damn it.

► Audrey Khuner and Carolyn Newman are the founders of hotguysandbabyanimals.com.



Odd submission

One of the weirdest submissions to the tumblr site: hotguysandbabyanimals.tumblr.com as told by Audrey Khuner.

► "There's a picture of a guy throwing a cat toward the camera." Let's just hope that cat hasn't used up its nine lives.

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► What started as a great way to meet guys has turned into a viable business for two California girls.



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Von Teese talks corsets, cocktails

► Burlesque star unveils portable cocktail kit

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Striptease star and corset collector Dita Von Teese visited New York on Tuesday night to unveil Coin-treau Travel Essentials, her portable cocktail kit for women on the go. Swizzle-stick thin and flanked by New York downtown comedy king Murray Hill, she talked to Metro about why the new burlesque attracts so many female fans.

"I think it's because they



► Dita Von Teese

like to see an alternative kind of beauty. I'm not tan, I'm not blonde, I don't look right in a bikini."

With so many women embracing burlesque, does she see the corset making a comeback?

"I think what's great is

we have the option. We can wear whatever we want, and we can be whoever we want, and if we want to wear a corset, we can wear it our way. There are lots of ways to bring the corset into your life without suffering."

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Pitt has no expiration date

Brad Pitt wants to clarify that comment he made about retiring from acting at age 50.

"I wasn't actually putting an exact deadline on my expiration date, but I see it coming. I just have other interests and I do quite enjoy the production side," Pitt said during a press conference in South Korea.

"Me, personally I like ageing. With age comes wisdom and I have said it before and I say it again, I will take wisdom over youth any day," he added.



► Brad Pitt

"I think certainly, being a father has changed everything for me as far as perspective and interest, taking care of myself and wanting to be around for them." ● METRO

Diddy, Diaz get cosy in N.Y., L.A.

With Alex Rodriguez apparently out of the picture, Cameron Diaz seems to be rekindling her romance with Sean "Diddy" Combs, according to Us Weekly. Sources say the pair have had an on-again, off-again fling going since Combs first pursued Diaz in 2008.

"Since then, when she's single, she'll booty call him," a source says. And now apparently is no different. The pair were recently spotted getting cosy at a dinner in New York, and then this week they turned heads in Los Angeles, where they were "making out, acting romantic" during a lunch in Beverly



► Cameron Diaz

Hills. Reps for both say the stars are "just friends" and have been meeting to discuss a project. ● METRO

Bieber's alleged baby momma drops her case

It looks like Justin Bieber is in the clear, as Mariah Yeater has reportedly dropped her paternity case against him, according to Hollyscoop.

The 20-year-old San Diego woman had accused 17-year-old Bieber of fathering her four-month-old son.

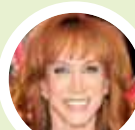
The pop star had reportedly planned to take a pa-

ternity test upon returning to the U.S. and then file suit against Yeater. The case was reportedly dismissed quietly last week, and Yeater's attorneys are no longer representing her.

Representatives for Bieber say that he is still planning on taking a paternity test.

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Celebrity tweets



"Look, I don't know what Liza does before playing Carnegie Hall, but I'm watching marathon of 'Pit-bulls & Parolees' Weird??"

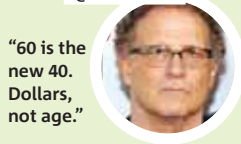
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"OMG so many cute guys at the Latin Grammys!"

@AlbertBrooks



"60 is the new 40. Dollars, not age."

@SethMacFarlane



"Still have not had one sweet dream made of anything involving Annie Lennox."

Clooney's flames refuse to mingle

George Clooney's ex-girlfriend and current girlfriend nearly had an awkward run-in, as both Elisabetta Canalis and Stacy Keibler showed up at a big bash at Grauman's Chinese Theater in Hollywood, according to a report from Us Weekly. And while no words were exchanged between the two, the tension was reportedly palpable, as Canalis and Keibler "were always on opposite sides of the room." ● METRO



Miracle creams:

Multi-talented or misleading?

► It's no longer enough for makeup to perform one function ► Now it's more common for a foundation or concealer to do its job plus two or three more ► But are beauty brands luring in women with promises that a single product can't possibly deliver?



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Makeup is a complicated affair. You have a zit that needs covering, but the concealer only makes the breakout worse. Or your pores are the size of golf balls, but the finely milled powder you splurged on just makes them look twice as big.

For the past year, science has been increasingly blurring the lines between makeup and skin care with products that address aging, sun protection, acne breakouts and redness, all in one shot. You know the products: a foundation that simultaneously covers flaws, evens skin tone and reduces signs of wrinkles, for example, or a concealer

"I'm a busy woman. There are going to be days when I can't put on everything..."

DR. DORIS DAY, DERMATOLOGIST

that blocks the sun, controls oil and clears up acne. But is the kill-three-skin-flaws-with-one-cream approach the best solution, or are single-use products still the best way to go?

Mary Schook, a makeup artist and skin-care guru, is on the fence.

"I think it's kind of like those all-in-one shampoo-conditioners. You can use them, but you still get the best results by using a separate shampoo and separate conditioner," she says.

"A lot of these products that claim to block the sun's rays are not protecting the way they should. You're not getting a sun-block in a foundation unless it has both zinc and titanium dioxide. It has to be a chemical compound that blocks the sun's rays and it's hard to find that in a liquid foundation," she

says.

Dermatologist Dr. Doris Day, meanwhile, thinks that multi-tasking products can work well as a supplement to a healthy skin-care regimen, but don't necessarily warrant throwing out your arsenal of face creams.

"I like multi-tasking products. Think of these makeup items as your bonus, not your main meal. I'm a busy woman. I have a husband, two kids and three jobs. There are going to be days when I can't put

on everything all the time," she admits.

Celebrity makeup artist Talia Shobbrook agrees that some makeup items that do triple-duty can be worth the investment.

"The foundations and powders that include acne-fighting ingredients, for instance, are great because that is a specific problem that can be treated quickly," she says.

"But I don't necessarily think that an anti-aging foundation is going to work very well. Anti-aging is not a quick fix. Those products are dipping into skin care, when it should just be separate altogether. Plus the anti-aging ingredients seem to make the makeup feel heavier on the skin," she says.

Ultimately, the real task is knowing what to look for.

"It's about finding the right ingredients," Schook says. Day adds, "You want to make sure the products don't combine ingredients that cancel each other out."



► The best of the bunch: Popular multi-taskers Lancôme Teint Rénergie Lift R.A.R.E., above, by Terry Hyaluronic; Face Glow, right; and Clinique Pore Refining Solutions Instant Perfector, far right.



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Style pick

Meet Amie

Italy-based designer Chrissie Morris is known for her towering, show-stopping Art Deco heels, but her foray into flats, Amie, a pieced together beauty made of leopard print ponyhair and sting ray, makes a strong case for staying closer to the ground. ● KENYA HUNT



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Furniture

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These locations take some patience, and more than one visit, but a good deal is easier to find. Alternately, you can give your old furniture new life.

Wooden chairs can be restained or painted, and upholstery is an eye-catching and easy way to make an old piece new again.

Flooring

Flooring easily adds to a budget, but there are ways

to avoid area carpeting or hardwood flooring without sacrificing style.

Consider staining concrete floors in the basement or using carpet tiles to create a custom rug area.

Colours

Colour is the easiest way to get a dramatic change with minimal work and budget.

Keep the colour palette crisp and clean so it's always in style and won't require frequent updating.

For a smaller budget, paint only one feature wall to draw attention.

Accessories

Swapping or adding accessories creates a simple change in rooms.

A vase of flowers is an easy and cheap way to add a feeling of luxury to the room. Create wall decor using items you already have — hang a collection in frames or shadow boxes, hang a family heirloom quilt, or use an assortment of mirrors.

Lighting

It's easy to forget about using the lights in your home for more than their practical purpose. Create drama or romance with a flick of a



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switch and illuminate your favourite elements of the living room for a fantastic effect.

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Preparation:

1 Line 23-cm (9-inch) square baking pan with parchment and lightly oil bottom. In large microwave-safe measuring cup, melt chocolate, butter and 15 ml (1 tbsp) of espresso powder in microwave. Stir to combine; set aside.

2 In bowl, using a hand mixer, beat eggs on medium-high until frothy. Add brown sugar and beat until mix is smooth. Stir melted chocolate mix into egg-sugar mix a little at a time. Add gradually and beat well about 1 min. Chocolate will

look smooth and glossy.

3 In food processor, combine brown rice, rice flour, remaining espresso powder, salt and baking soda until well combined. Add rice mix into chocolate mix and beat well 1 min. Add vanilla and beat 1 min.

4 Fold in half of nuts, if using, and spread batter into prepared baking pan, smoothing top to even it out. Shake the pan a little to help even out the batter.

5 Bake in centre of 180 C (350 F) oven for 30 to 35 minutes or until brownies are set. Don't overcook (brownies should be fudgy rather than dry and crumbly). Let cool completely on a wire rack. Cover and refrigerate to chill for at least 2 hours or up to 1 day before cutting into squares (they are easier to cut when cold). **EMILY RICHARDS IS A PROFESSIONAL HOME ECONOMIST, COOKBOOK AUTHOR AND A TV CELEBRITY CHEF. FOR MORE, VISIT HER**

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Ingredients:

- 500 ml (2 cups) good-quality dark chocolate, chopped
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) butter
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) instant espresso powder
- 2 eggs
- 250 ml (1 cup) packed brown sugar
- 250 ml (1 cup) cooked brown rice
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) brown rice flour
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) salt
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) baking soda
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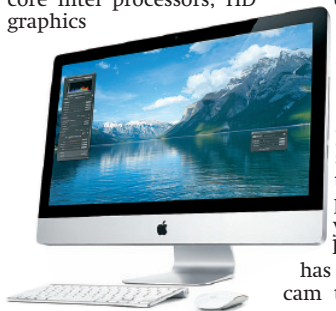
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Nothing gets the heart racing like finding a brand new gadget underneath the Christmas tree! Computers, tablets and all of the accessories that come with them are always hot sellers during the holiday season.

Don't know where to start? Don't worry! Our gadget guide has you covered. Here are a few of our favourite picks:

Apple iMac — starting at \$1,199

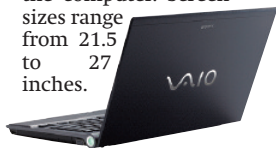
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card, Thunderbolt data transfer technology and HD FaceTime camera, this computer can handle whatever you throw at it. As with all Apple computers, all the essential software comes bundled with the computer. Screen sizes range from 21.5 to 27 inches.

Sony VAIO Z Series — \$1,999.99

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Dell XPS 14Z — \$999.99

A luxury laptop loaded with powerful technology. This 14-inch laptop features second generation Intel core processors, a roomy 14-inch HD display with edge-to-edge glass and an ultra-thin frame.

MacBook Air — starting at \$999

This ultra-portable laptop is sure to turn heads. At only 1.7 centimetres at its thickest point, it's one of the slimmest laptops on the market. It's also incredibly light, weighing only 2.38 pounds. The latest model has a backlit keyboard, which means you can work in any lighting condition, even beside a roaring yuletide fire.

Samsung Galaxy Tab 10.1 — starting at \$499

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thanks to its 1GHz Dual Core processor. The 10.1-inch screen makes it easy to surf the web (including Flash content), or watch movies. If you are in a creative mood you can record your own HD movie via one of two cameras (2 megapixel and 3 megapixel) built into the device. A battery that lasts up to nine hours makes it ideal for travel. Wi-Fi and 4G models are available.

iPad 2 — starting at \$519

Apple's iPad 2 remains the No. 1 tablet on the market. Its stylish form factor and intuitive operating system make it easy for anyone to pick up and use. With more than 500,000 apps available in

Apple's app store, there truly is an app for everything. While the cameras may not be quite as good as those found on other tablets, they are ideal for FaceTime chat (free video calling from one Apple device to another). The fact that you can't view Flash content on this device still hasn't de-



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terred people from falling in love with the iPad 2.

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Fisher-Price Laugh & Learn Apptivity Case (\$18)
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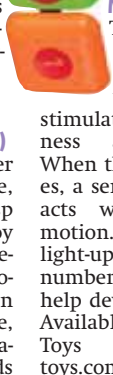


Manhattan Toy Whoozit Learn & Play Folding Activity Cube, \$29.95.

on the handles and a mirror on the back. Available at Toys "R" Us (toysrus.ca).

Toddlers (12-36 months)

VTech Catch-Me-Kitty (\$20)
This cute kitten scoots around, encouraging toddlers to chase it, which stimulates visual awareness and interaction. When the child approaches, a sensor on the cat reacts with sounds and motion. A wagging tail, light-up nose and three numbered shape buttons help develop motor skills. Available at Mastermind Toys (mastermindtoys.com).



Radio Flyer Classic Tiny Trike, \$69.95

With a padded seat, durable moulded wheels with grip tread and a wide wheel base for stability and safety, this trike offers a smooth ride for beginners complete with red streamers and a bell. Available at chapters.indigo.ca (free shipping).

Preschoolers (3-5 years)

Sesame Street Playskool Let's Rock! Elmo (\$79.99)
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Best gifts come from the heart

Yes, it's the season of giving, but that doesn't mean you have to overspend at Christmas. Here are some tips for ways to enjoy the holidays without feeling the burden of spending. It's a reminder to us all that some of the greatest gifts come from the heart.

Making edible gifts

Making edible gifts is a great way to save money on presents at Christmas. Whether it's shortbread cookies, brownies, jam, homemade granola, cake or syrup, the confectionary options are endless, as are the ways in which to package your culinary creation in a festive, but inexpensive way.

The gift of time

Giving the gift of time is a very meaningful way to show just how much you care. Whether it's giving a relative a handmade gift

certificate to be redeemed throughout the year for a special home-cooked dinner, a foot massage, a night out while you watch the kids, or a house clean, this type of gift can many times be much more appreciated than buying them an object. Giving time to the community also gets children to think beyond themselves during the holidays. This could involve volunteering as a family at a local charity or shelter or dedicating an afternoon to helping out at a food bank.

Inexpensive family activities

There are numerous ways to enjoy time with family and friends leading up to and during the holidays without spending a ton.

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Mooseheads head into tough stretch with healthy roster

► Reinforcements on way as players return from injuries ► Herd takes 13-6-2 record on the road Friday



MATTHEW WUEST
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Competition for spots in the Halifax Mooseheads' lineup is about to get a little bit more fierce.

With the probable returns of defenceman Steve Gillard and forward Andrew Ryan from injuries on Friday, the Mooseheads will suddenly have two healthy scratches for the first time in more than six weeks.

The Mooseheads have had no spares — with exactly 12 forwards, six defencemen and two goaltenders — since Gillard went down with a concussion on Oct. 5.

"For a while, we had only 20 guys that could be playing, so there was no one sitting in the stands," head coach Dominique Ducharme said. "The guys did a good job, not getting too comfortable, but it's nice to have options now."

The minor shakeup could come at an ideal time. Following an impressive 9-0-1 stretch, the Mooseheads are 1-2-1 in their past four heading into a three-games-in-three-days stretch in Quebec starting Friday against the Drummondville Voltigeurs.

Ryan, a 17-year-old forward

No mention

The Mooseheads dropped off as an honourable mention on the Canadian Hockey League's weekly ranking yesterday. They'd received the nod in back-to-back weeks. The Saint John Sea Dogs are the top-ranked QMJHL team at No. 2.

ward who stands six-foot-three, is a former 19th overall pick of the Mooseheads who offers a combination of size and offensive skill. He broke his ankle in August but has been medically cleared to play.

Gillard, 19, was the Mooseheads' top defenceman last season and was logging top-pairing minutes when he was injured. He participated in full-contact practice on Tuesday and has been symptom free for more than seven days. As long as his headaches don't resume, he'll play Friday.

"They're quality players, and for sure, you can never have enough good players," Ducharme said.

There is no timetable for the potential returns of winger Martin Frk and goalie Anthony Terenzio. Halifax's other concussed players, Ducharme put a



► Halifax Mooseheads forward Andrew Ryan could make his season debut on Friday. He's been out with a broken ankle since August.

damper on rumours that prospect Jonathan Drouin — the second overall pick in June's draft who is playing midget AAA — could join the Mooseheads as early as Friday.

"I think we'll know more in the next week or 10 days," he said. "It would be a big surprise if he's in the lineup on Friday."



For more on the Mooseheads, follow @metroqfiles on Twitter or visit metronews.ca/qfiles

Goalie named to Team Quebec

Halifax Mooseheads goaltender Zach Fucale will be in the international spotlight next month.

The 16-year-old from Rosemere, Que., has been named to Team Quebec for the world under-17 challenge in Windsor, Ont., from Dec. 29 to Jan. 4.

He'll vie for the starting job with Rouyn-Noranda Huskies first-round pick Alexandre Belanger, who plays midget AAA.

Already one of the QMJHL's top rookies, the U-17 tournament presents Fucale with a new chal-

lenge.

"It's like a playoff series, and it's a good experience to be living that and to be playing against the best players his age from around the world," said Mooseheads head coach Dominique Ducharme. "That experience will give him new tools and make him better."

Fucale has put up excellent numbers all season and has started eight straight games since 18-year-old Anthony Terenzio suffered a concussion on Oct. 21.

He's seventh in the QMJHL in goals-against average (3.00) and 11th in both save percentage (.885) and wins (eight).

Mooseheads second overall pick Jonathan Drouin, who plays midget AAA with the Lac St-Louis Lions, also made the team.

While the Team Atlantic roster has not yet been unveiled, Mooseheads forwards Nathan MacKinnon and Ryan Falkenham attended its selection camp in August. MacKinnon is a lock to make the team.

● MATTHEW WUEST



► Halifax Mooseheads goaltender Zach Fucale

Crosby ruled out for start of Florida trip

► Still no change in status of Cole Harbour hockey hero ► Penguins insist they are not being secretive and will give advance notice before he plays

Sidney Crosby's comeback remains on hold.

Despite increasing speculation that the NHL's biggest star is nearing a return from his 10-month concussion layoff, the Pittsburgh Penguins ruled Crosby out of tonight's game at Tampa Bay.

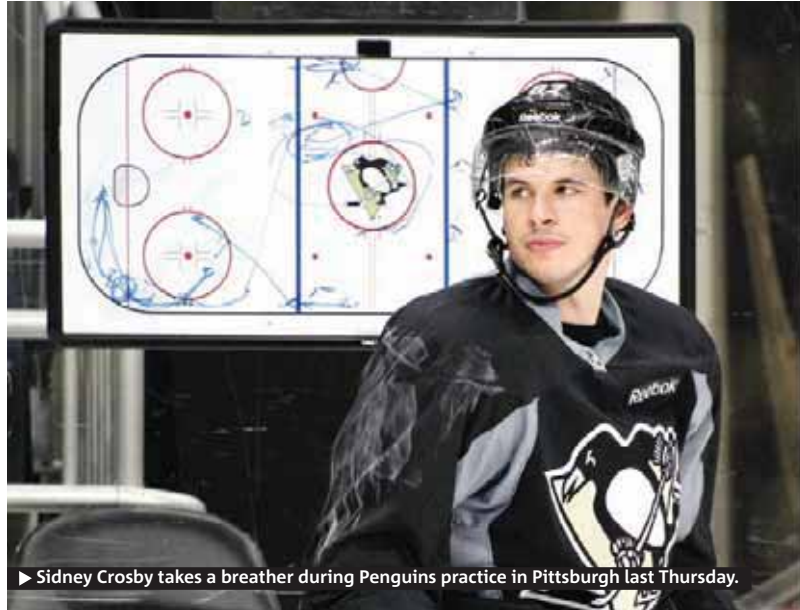
Coach Dan Bylsma did not elaborate yesterday on Crosby's status beyond the first game of a two-game Florida road trip. The Penguins play at the Florida Panthers on Saturday before returning home for a three-game home stand.

The Tampa Bay game will mark the 60th consecutive regular season game the 24-year-old Crosby has missed. He sat out the final 41 games of last season and hasn't appeared in any of the Penguins' 18 games this season.

Neither the Penguins nor Crosby are offering any hints when The Comeback will occur. His teammates say they rarely discuss the topic with him out of respect for his privacy.

"He's keeping everyone in the dark, just like he's keeping you guys (reporters) in the dark," Penguins centre Jordan Staal said.

Crosby last spoke to reporters on Nov. 7. Since then, the Penguins have



► Sidney Crosby takes a breather during Penguins practice in Pittsburgh last Thursday.

said he will resume talking only when there is a change in his status — in other words, when he is ready to play for the first time since Jan. 5.

While there has been considerable media conjecture whether Crosby prefers to return at home, on the road or against a certain opponent, the Penguins insist there are no such plans. Crosby will return, they said, as soon as he is cleared by his doctors,



"Can't wait for it to happen."

PITTSBURGH FORWARD JAMES NEAL ON CROSBY'S RETURN. NEAL LEADS THE PENGUINS WITH 12 GOALS AND 20 POINTS THIS SEASON.

regardless of the locale or the opponent.

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Pens doing fine

The Penguins have built the Eastern Conference's best record without Sidney Crosby, going 8-2-1 in their last 11 games.

Not that the Penguins aren't eager to welcome back their elite centre, who by the age of 22, had won a Stanley Cup, Olympic gold medal, NHL scoring title and NHL MVP award.

Sea Dogs sneak past Huskies

Defenceman Charles-Olivier Roussel scored a late power-play goal and the Saint John Sea Dogs won their 12th straight home game, 4-3 over the Rouyn-Noranda Huskies in QMJHL action last night.

With just over three minutes left in regulation, Roussel took a pass from Danick Gauthier in the corner before firing the puck past Rouyn-Noranda goaltender Robin Gusse.

Zack Phillips had two goals and Gauthier scored his league-leading 23rd goal and added two assists for the Sea Dogs (20-6-0), who have won six straight games overall and nine of their last 10.

Tomas Jurco and Nathan Beaulieu each added two assists while former Halifax Moosehead Mathieu Corbeil made 27 saves.

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Canada takes next step toward 2014 World Cup

► Journey continues June 8 in Cuba before hosting Honduras on June 12

Canada can now start planning for the next round of its World Cup qualifying journey: Six matches in just over four months starting with a potentially steamy date in Cuba next June.

The Canadian men have fallen at this stage in four of the last six qualifying campaigns in CONCACAF, which covers North and Central America and the Caribbean.

There are 12 teams remaining: Canada and the five other pool winners from the second qualifying round have been joined by the region's six top-ranked teams, as of the March

1986

Canada's only trip to the World Cup finals was in 1986.

2011 FIFA ratings.

Canada, ranked 83rd in the world, has been drawn in Group C along with No. 53 Panama, No. 57 Honduras, and No. 100 Cuba.

The top two in each pool advance to the final round in the region. That means the Canadians, should they progress, have a minimum of 16 matches ahead in the road to Brazil.

The next part of the journey starts June 8 in Cuba before Canada hosts Honduras on June 12. The Canadians meet Panama home and away on Sept. 7 and 11. They finish the round Oct. 12 at home to Cuba and Oct. 16 in Honduras.

While Canada has to start on the road, it plays three of the next four games at home before finishing off in Honduras. The goal will be to pick up points at home and lock up a top-two spot before the Honduras finale.

Group A features the 34th-ranked Americans,

No. 50 Jamaica, No. 90 Antigua & Barbuda and No. 99 Guatemala. Group B features No. 22 Mexico, No. 62 Costa Rica, No. 82 El Salvador and No. 97 Guyana.

Canada failed to advance to the final round of qualifying for the 2010 World Cup in South Africa, going 0-4-2 in a group with Mexico, Honduras and Jamaica.

Canada also fell at the so-called semifinal stage in CONCACAF in 1990, 2002 and 2006. They finished last in the final hexagonal round in 1998 qualifying and lost in a playoff to Australia for the '94 finals.

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► Canada's Tosaint Ricketts, left, celebrates with Dwayne DeRosario after scoring against St. Kitts and Nevis during second half World Cup qualifying soccer action in Toronto on Tuesday.

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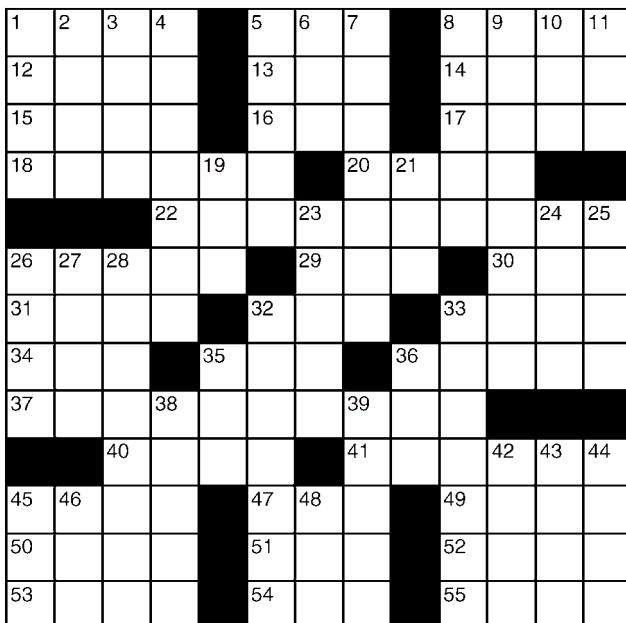
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14 "Once — a time, ..."
15 Passenger's payment
16 "— Impossible"
17 Teeny amount
18 Activate, as a TV set
20 Reveille's opposite
22 Quake follow-up
26 Characteristic
29 Spot on a die
30 Buck's mate
31 Legacy recipient
32 Sleepy companion?
33 Green acres
34 Always, in verse
35 Pen name
36 Do very well
37 Cologne's cousin
40 Mosque VIP
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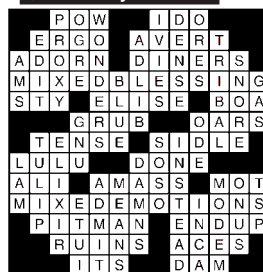
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8 Contemptuous snort
9 Serialized
10 Deteriorate
11 Individual
12 Frequently, in verse
13 Cleo's slayer
14 Geological time
15 Heart
16 Nautical stabilizer
17 "Take — Train"
18 Coral structure
19 Unbreakable, as an alibi
32 Send packing
33 Do
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Yesterday's answer



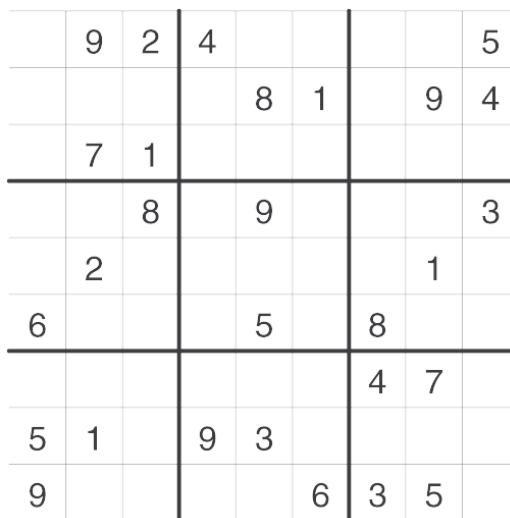
Today's horoscope

♈ Aries March 21-April 20 Let someone know that he or she must meet you halfway if you're going to end your differences — for good.
♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 The most important thing today, by far, is your attitude. Stay positive and positive things will happen.
♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 Break free of attitudes you know are holding you back. Today's cosmic influences will help you.
♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 You have everything going for you now. But, it won't last forever so make the most of your opportunities.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 23 Domestic issues need to be handled with care today, as loved ones could be touchy for no good reason.
♍ Virgo Aug. 24-Sept. 22 The planets indicate that what limited you yesterday will bring good fortune today. Make the most of it.
♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Good news on the work or money front will lift your spirits still higher over the next 24 hours.
♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Don't listen to what others say is and is not possible. Listen, instead, to what your inner voice tells you.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 You're worrying for no good reason. What happens later today will convince you it's all in your mind.
♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Doors that were closed to you in the past are open to you now — so what's the catch? There isn't one.
♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 You won't get all that you ask for today. But it'll be enough to keep you moving towards your goal.
♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. The planets are protecting you now, take a few risks because they are sure to pay off. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer

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8	1	2	7	3	9	5	4	6
6	5	9	1	2	4	3	8	7
7	2	4	9	8	1	6	5	3
9	6	1	3	5	2	8	7	4
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